

District IV Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2004
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The **District IV Advisory Board Meeting** was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Stanley Neighborhood Center. In attendance were six (8) District Advisory Board members, seven (7) staff and approximately five (8) citizens with two (6) signing in.

Members Present

Jerry McGinty
Michael Gisick
Tom Engelmann
Doug Leeper
Ed Koon
Damon Burrows
Rex Gray
Jim Benton
Council Member Gray

Staff Present

Officer Stevens, Police
Officer Brody, Police
Officer Mallard, Police
Rob Younkin, Public Works
Officer Vance, Police
Dana Brown, City Manager's Office
Brandon Kauffman, City Manager's Office

Members Absent

Brandon Rogney

Guests

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Order of Business

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The agenda for the April 7, 2004 meeting was approved as written.

The minutes for March 3, 2004 were approved as written.

Public Agenda

The Public Agenda allows members of the public to present matters to the District Advisory Board. Each presentation is limited to a period of five minutes unless extended by the Board.

No items were presented to the board.

Staff Presentations

Community Police

Officer Mallard, Police, stated that Community Police were trying to educate citizens about vehicle crimes and have been providing them with material on how to avoid these occurrences. Mallard stated that police are still working on the recent rash of BB gun shootings and that they have been working with the school resources officers. Beat 14 is also working on a project to take care of warrants that have been issued in the area. Mallard stated that Sunflower NA had their neighborhood cleanup this past weekend and they had about 40 volunteers come out to help with the cleanup.

Officer Stevens, Police, stated that on the 17th of April the South Seneca Parade will be held from Pawnee to 31st Street. There have been a number of problems with auto larceny in the area but overall have seen a moderate decrease in the amount of crimes committed.

Officer Brody, Police, stated that Officer Mar has been promoted to detective and that 13 beat will have a Community Police Officer within the next couple of weeks.

Council Member Gray announced that Michael Gisick has been appointed to the DAB Board and that Iola Crandall recently resigned.

Action: Receive & File

Funeral Escort Processions

Dana Brown, City Manager's Office, stated that in 2002 numerous complaints were received from citizens who wished that the city would address concerns related to Funeral Escort Processions. These processions were causing concerns specifically regarding the way in which they stalled traffic and utilized practices that could promote accidents. The ordinance being presented is a culmination of efforts between the law enforcement agencies, the county and also the city and addresses specific concerns related to funeral processions. A common example of traffic hazards created by funeral escort vehicles is their practice of leapfrogging. This occurs when only two vehicles escort a funeral procession with one driver leading the procession through a traffic light while the other driver halts traffic in opposite directions. The hazard is created when the second driver speeds up and passes vehicles to catch up with the procession. The proposed ordinance addresses this issue by requiring three vehicles.

Michael Gisick asked if speed restrictions were part of the current ordinance. **Brown** stated that there were not part of the current ordinance but are part of the proposed ordinance.

Doug Leeper asked if there was any thought given to the types of vehicles that they could drive. He was worried about the size of the vehicles and the harm that they could

cause to vehicles pulled over on the side of the road. **Brown** stated that there was not any discussion pertaining to the size of the vehicles.

Jerry McGinty pointed out that in Section 10 the ordinance did not state what the later time would be when funeral escorts could not provide services. **Brown** stated that it was a mistake and the ordinance should read that it the later time is 6:30 p.m.

Gisick asked why would speed limits be left off for the emergency vehicles. **Brown** stated that because under state authority these processions are allowed to break the speed limit if it is so deemed an emergency.

Leeper asked if the city would have any licensing fees. Brown stated that they would.

Officer Stevens asked if the drivers of the emergency vehicles would have any training for high speed driving, etc.? **Brown** stated that under this ordinance they would not be required to attend any training courses.

McGinty (Leeper) motioned to recommend approval of the ordinance. The motion passed on a vote of 8:0.

Action: Recommend approval of ordinance amendments by City Council.

Funeral Escort Licensing

Dana Brown, City Manager's Office, stated that this ordinance is to establish licensing procedures for the City of Wichita for Funeral Escort Processions that operate within the city limits.

McGinty asked if the \$100 was per business. **Brown** stated that it is per business and not per emergency vehicle unit.

McGinty (Leeper) recommended approval of the ordinance. The motion passed 8-0.

Action: Recommend approval of new ordinance by City Council.

Petition to pave Florence from Esthner to Bounous

Rob Younkin, Public Works, presented information including a map of the proposed improvement district, which identified the current street and the area proposed for paving. Younkin stated that the petition has been signed by 52.9% of the area owners. The bonds for the project would be sold as 15 year because of the commercial makeup of the area. Younkin stated that the interest rates for the project last winter were 3.52%, which was subject to change. The total estimated costs for the project was \$106,00.

McGinty (Leeper) recommended approval of the project. The motion passed 8-0.

Action: Recommend approval of the project.

Hoover Court paving, South of Harry

Rob Younkin, Public Works, presented information including a map of the proposed improvement district, which identified the current court and the area proposed for paving. Younkin stated that the petition has been signed by 49.8% of the area owners. The bonds for the project would be sold as 15 year because of the commercial makeup of the area. Younkin stated that the interest rates for the project last winter were 3.52%, which was subject to change. The total estimated costs for the project was \$117,00.

Gisick asked if the other property owner was given the chance to sign the petition. **Younkin** stated that he was given the opportunity and chose not to sign it.

Council Member Gray opened up the meeting for the public to speak.

Chuck Lambara with Jackyl Investments agents stated that their company did not sign the petition because they did not think that it would be beneficial for them to pave the court. They made arrangements when they first built the building to have access directly to Hoover and not through the court.

Leeper asked how this came before the city? **Council Member Gray** stated that the city has the authority to order in the streets.

Gisick asked if there was an option where one of the property owners would pay? **Council Member Gray** stated that this is a long standing practice where all property owners in the area who would benefit would have to pay.

Koon asked if there was any work to petition in the other courts. **Dewitt** said the courts are far apart and they have different property owners so they would not be a part of this order in.

Council Member Gray asked if they would be required to pave for the back portion of the development. **Younkin** stated that to comply with codes they would have to pave the court for access if they ever wished to develop the back portion of the lot.

Mark Shromcoft a property owner of the area that did not sign stated that at the time there is interest to develop the back lot then they could pave it at that time. He stated that currently they have no interest in developing the back portion of their lot and do not have any interest in the foreseeable future.

Jim Benton asked if there was anyway to pave half of the lot. **Younkin** stated that it could not be allowed.

DeWitt the property owner that started the petition stated that he is interested in paving the backlot.

Council Member Gray stated that ultimately it will be a council decision but the Council will take into consideration the recommendation of the District Advisory Board. Gray then closed the public session and opened it up to the DAB board members for discussion.

McGinty (Leeper) recommended approval of the project. The motion failed by a vote of 3-5 (Benton, Burrows, Koon, Gray, and Gisick).

Action: Recommend not approving the project.

Board Agenda

Benton stated that he has continued to work on the Fire Works Task Force.

Jerry McGinty stated that the South Seneca Parade will be on the 17th of April. He also stated that he is bowling for Big Brothers & Big Sisters and asked if anyone would like to sponsor him.

Leeper stated that him and Jim Benton were serving on the committee to site a new sewer plant and that they were both very impressed at by the Cowskin Creek facility when they went to tour it.

Englemann stated that Cowskin Creek was an impressive facility and that it was not what he had expected.

Gisick stated that he had attended the Gang Task Force that they would be presenting information on the 12th of April.

Council Member Gray asked for any further issues. With none presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Brandon Kauffman
District IV Neighborhood Assistant**

Guests

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